

Sheriff's 5 to 10 Year Facility Needs Forecast

Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners

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Focus of the presentation

Discuss current and future needs of Sheriff's Office facilities:

- Sheriff's Headquarters
- District 02 Substation
- District 03 Substation
- District 04 Substation
- Forensics, Evidence, and Impound
- Jail Expansion
- Training Complex
- Babcock Ranch
- Communications Center
- CAD System and Radios

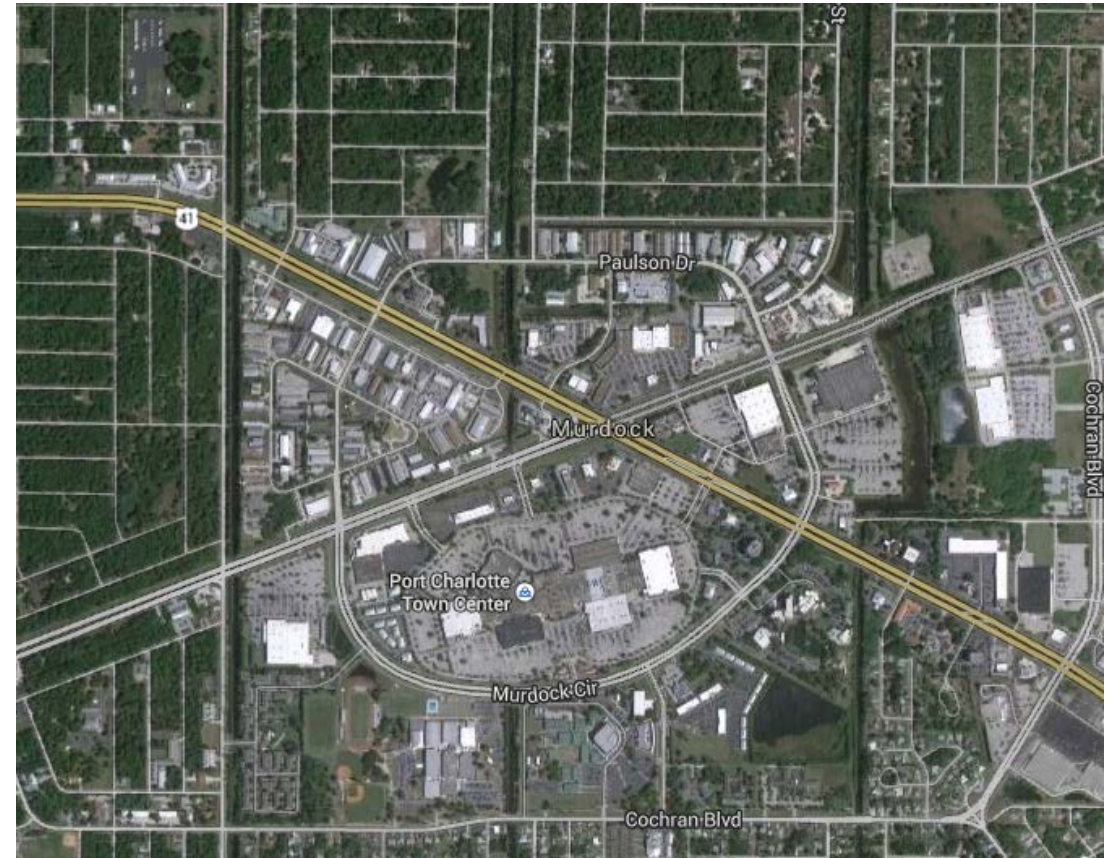
Sheriff's Headquarters

- Currently located at:
7474 Utilities Rd
- County-owned building on airport-owned land
- Lease for the land is scheduled for renewal in 2023; annual rental agreement of \$84,148
- Building not functional for growth of Sheriff's personnel; not designed to be a traditional police station
- Building is graded low for severe storms and hurricanes
- Also houses District 03 Substation
- Forensic Unit – issues with air quality
- Evidence – outpacing current storage; Impound cannot be co-located on site



District 02 Substation

- Currently located at:
Port Charlotte Town Center,
1441 Tamiami Trl
- Minimal annual cost to rent space; however, there remains recurring cost for maintenance
- Not designed or adequate for a functioning police station; lack of security
- Little privacy/insufficient room to conduct sensitive interviews and for Community Policing Officers
- Evidence storage an issue, cannot store biohazard
- Cannot house Criminal Investigations personnel on site



District 03 Substation

- Currently located at:
7474 Utilities Rd
- County-owned building on airport-owned land
- Lease for the land is scheduled for renewal in 2023
- Building is not designed to be a traditional police station
- Building is graded low for severe storms and hurricanes
- Adjoined to Headquarters



District 04 Substation

- Currently located at:
Promenades Mall,
3280 Tamiami Trl, Suite 505
- Annual cost to rent space is \$298,500; lease due to expire April 30, 2016
- Building not functional for growth of Sheriff's personnel
- Ongoing issues with the roof, air quality, and flooring making the facility cost prohibitive



Forensics, Evidence, and Impound

- Currently located at:
Charlotte County Jail,
26601 Airport Rd
- Evidence Department responsible for property within the Impound area
- Items being introduced to the warehouse is growing faster than capacity
- Air quality in Headquarters diminishes when seized marijuana or other foul-smelling items are brought into the warehouse



Forensics, Evidence, and Impound (continued)

- Impound moved from Utilities Rd
 - Lot size decreased from 0.83 ac. to 0.50 ac.
 - Staffing issues when having to receive or release property
 - The site is not centrally located
- Needs to be in a permanent location
- Expansion of the jail will require a move from current site
- No shelter storage for vehicle/other large items to maintained in their condition



Jail Expansion

- Currently located at:
26601 Airport Rd
- Insufficient housing units for detainees due to increase in average daily population



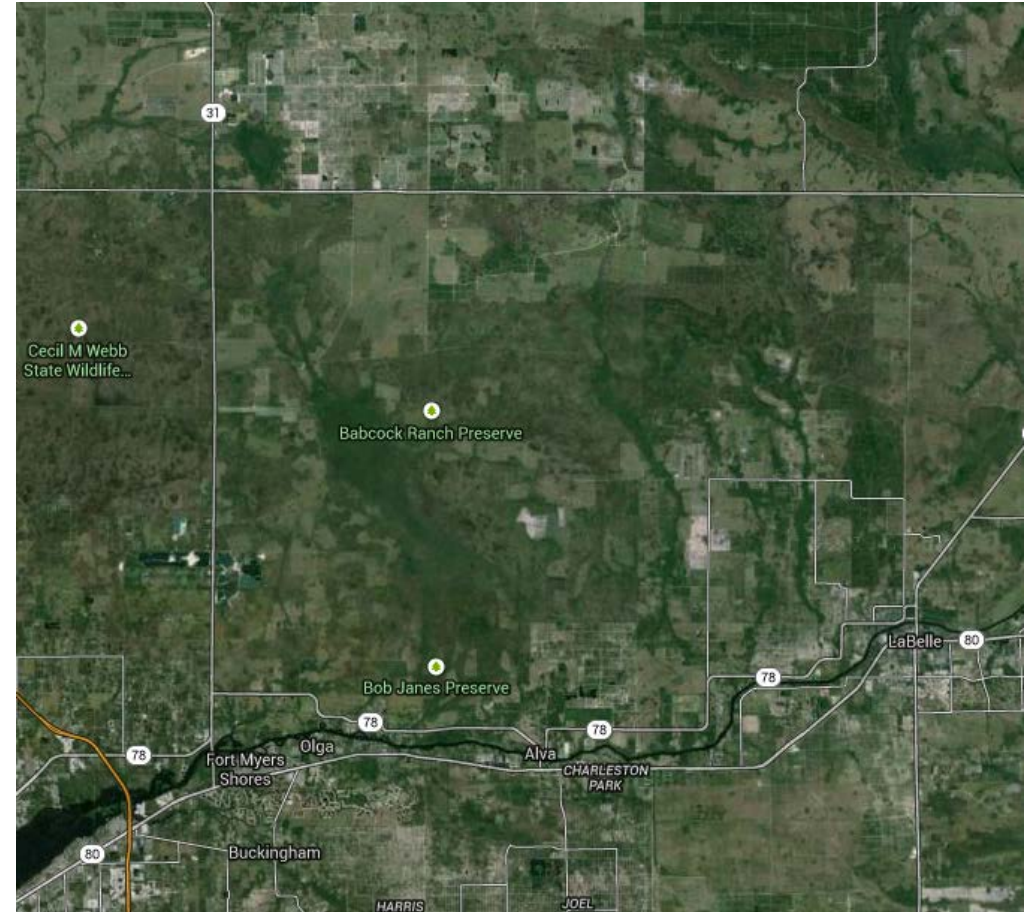
Training Complex

- Currently located at:
25500 Airport Rd
- Master site plan currently underway
- Update the following:
 - Training Rooms
 - Obstacle Course
 - Gun Range
 - Driving Course
- Built in the 1970s, site not recommended for a retrofit; would require new construction



Babcock Ranch

- Quarterly or Semi-Annual meetings with Kitson & Partners since 2007
- Babcock Ranch's Master Development Order provides:
 - Estimates assume Kitson breaks ground on Babcock Ranch CY2015
 - Sheriff and Fire with co-located building shell by the 5,000th C/O (est. 2022/2023)
 - Land dedicated for communications tower
 - Interim, fully-operational trailer next to SR 31 Fire Station #9 by the 1st residential C/O (est. early 2016)



Central Communications Center and E911

- Currently located at:
7474 Utilities Rd
- County-owned building on airport-owned land
- Lease for the land is scheduled for renewal in 2023
- Building is not designed to be a traditional police station
- Building is graded low for severe storms and hurricanes
- Concerns with having county's three Public-Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) located within 3.5 miles of each other



Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) System and Radios

- Identified and agreed upon by Public Safety stakeholders, aging technology and equipment are both a weakness and threat as defined under the “Public Safety” Strategic Focus Area
- Both the Fire Department and Sheriff’s Office agree that upgrading existing CAD system rather than purchasing new is cost-effective and benefits each stakeholder
- Upgrading to P25 Next-Generation radios allows first responders to network with external units in the event of a natural or man-made disaster

Project Prioritization and Locations for Substations

Priority #1

Computer-Aided Dispatch System

- Discussion with current CAD vendor to upgrade to the latest version of the technology and equipment
- Both the Fire Department and Sheriff's Office are satisfied with the current CAD vendor
- Cost to upgrade CAD is estimated at \$363,263 for licenses, services and one year maintenance; maintenance costs have been allocated in the FY2015 budget

Priority #2 Forensics, Evidence, and Impound

- Adjacent to FDOT site at
23016 Harborview Rd



Priority #2

District 04 Substation co-located

- Possible site:
 - 23016 Harborview Rd
- In communication with FDOT regarding acquisition of land
- More centrally located for public
- No adverse impact on law enforcement operations for trials/courts
- Leveraging both sites allows for centralized operations:
 - Evidence and Impound
 - Forensics Laboratory
- Within 1.5 miles of the Southeast border of Parkside District and within Charlotte Harbor CRA
- Only suitable site for this facility

Priority #2

District 04 Substation co-located

Organizational Components

- Watch Commanders - 5 positions
- District 04 Uniform Road Patrol - 47 positions
- District 04 Criminal Investigations - 7 positions
- Special Investigations - 26 positions
- Computer Crimes Investigations - 4 positions
- Forensics/Crime Scene Unit - 10 positions
- Evidence Department and Impound - 5 positions

Priority #3

Upgrade Training Annex & relocate District 03

- Possible site:
25500 Airport Rd
- County owns property, buildings, and land to its east
- Build to be a CAT-hardened facility



Priority #3

Upgrade Training Annex & relocate District 03

Organizational Components

- District 03 Uniform Road Patrol - 42 positions
- District 03 Criminal Investigations - 7 positions
- Training Section - 9 positions
 - Obstacle Course
 - Firing Range
 - Driving Course
 - Training Rooms

Consideration Facility at Babcock Ranch

- By the 5,000th C/O (2022/2023), Babcock Ranch could have an estimated population of 12,500 residents
- Shell would be available by that time but would still need to be built out for Sheriff/Fire/EMS services
- Potential to re-zone the county for response time and proactive law enforcement activities

Priority #4

Relocate Central Communications and E911

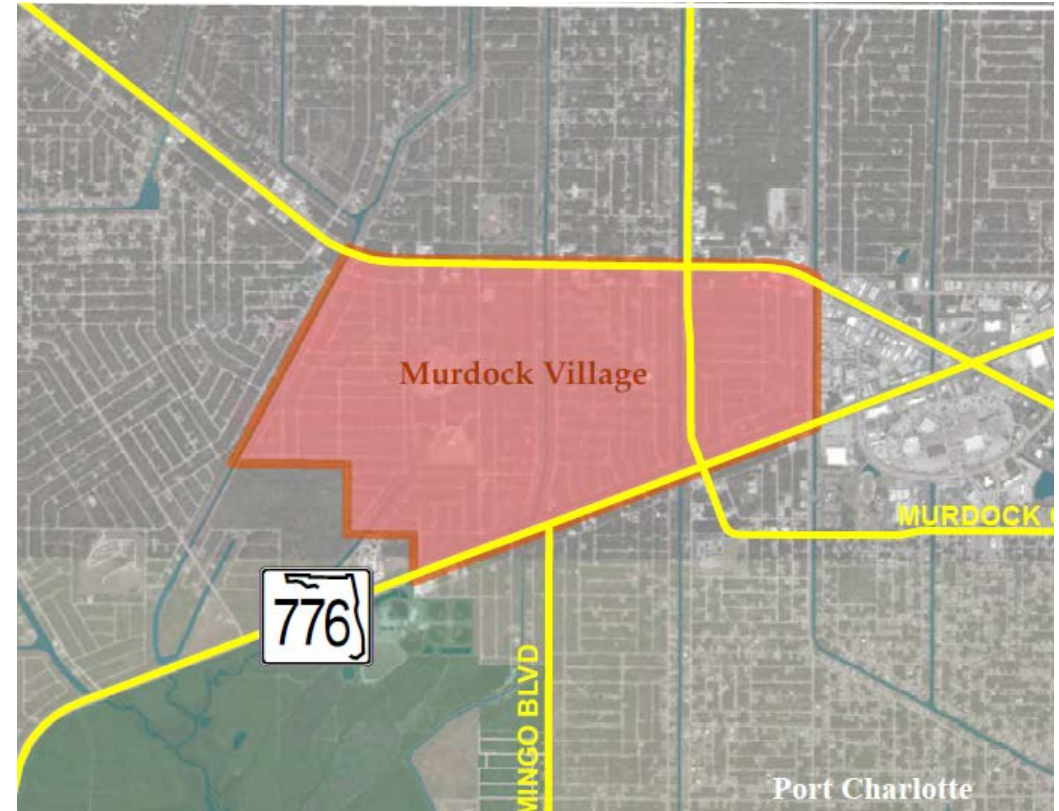
- Possible site:
 - Charlotte County EOC
- County owns property
- Facility is a CAT-hardened
- Has preliminary infrastructure to be the county's primary PSAP



Priority #5

Sheriff's Headquarters & relocate District 02

- Designated site:
 - Murdock Village
- County owns property
- Roads and facility can be configured to incorporate within County's master plans
- Land sufficient to relocate Sheriff's Headquarters and District 02
- Build to be a CAT-hardened facility
- Minimum of 10 acres needed
- Back-up PSAP #2 (#3 being at Punta Gorda PD)



Priority #5

Sheriff's Headquarters & relocate District 02

Organizational Components

- Sheriff and Senior Command - 5 positions
- Uniform Road Patrol Division - 1 position
- Criminal Investigations Division - 1 position
 - Major Case Investigations - 25 positions
 - District Investigations Lieutenant - 1 position
 - Criminal Intelligence - 12 positions
- Logistics Division - 56 positions
- IT Division - 1 position
 - Management Information Systems - 8 positions
 - Records Department - 7 positions
- Human Resources Division - 5 positions
 - Background Investigations - 3 positions
 - Risk Management - 4 positions
- Finance Division - 6 positions
- Operational Support Division - 52 positions
- Watch Commanders - *see previous slides*
- District 02 Uniform Road Patrol - 36 positions
- District 02 Criminal Investigations - 7 positions
- Internal Affairs - 2 positions
- Professional Compliance - 5 positions
- Staff Inspections - 2 positions
- Community Affairs - 6 positions

Facilities Prioritization

- Priority #1 - Computer-Aided Dispatch System
- Priority #2 - Forensics, Evidence, and Impound co-located with District 4 Substation
- Priority #3 - Training Annex & relocate District 3 Substation
- Priority #4 - Central Communications Center and E911
- Priority #5 - Sheriff's Headquarters & relocate District 2 Substation